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As of early July 1955, arrears in angle iron profiles production at VEB Stahl- und Walzwerk Riesa amounted to 9,000 metric tons. This entire amount was for East German industrial consumption. Attempts are being made to cover these shortages by additional imports, but as of early July 1955 contracts for only 2,000 metric tons had been concluded with Czechoslovakia for the third quarter of 1955. The shortage of angle iron profiles is having an extremely serious effect on East German production in the marine construction and machine construction sectors.

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